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## **McKellips Road in Mesa to Close for Loop 202 Work**

Starting Tuesday (May 30), McKellips Road in Mesa will close to through traffic between Power and Ellsworth roads until mid-January (2007) for accelerated freeway bridge construction. Construction crews are building a new McKellips Road bridge over the Central Arizona Project Canal and the future section of the Loop 202 Red Mountain Freeway. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is in the process of building the Red Mountain Freeway between Power Road and US 60.

At its May 22 meeting, the Mesa City Council approved a plan for ADOT's contractor to close McKellips Road to through traffic beginning Tuesday morning. Brown Road and McDowell Road will serve as the primary alternate roads while the McKellips Road bridge is being built. As a direct result of public input about the proposed closure, Pulice Construction will install a temporary traffic signal at 76th Street and McDowell Road to facilitate access for the affected neighborhoods while McKellips is closed. Mesa Police officers will direct traffic until temporary equipment is installed.

In addition to the bridge construction, Pulice will install traffic signal and monitoring equipment to improve traffic flow on adjacent streets and intersections. The City of Mesa, ADOT and Pulice will all share in time and cost savings from this more efficient and safe road closure.

When completed, the bridge will provide two lanes in each direction crossing the canal and future freeway. The bridge is part of the construction of the Loop 202 between Power Road and University Drive in east Mesa.